

Please, no more "media consolidation" (deregulation)! And definitely no more enactments-behind-closed-doors! The TCA of 1996 was already an end-run around representative government. The law needs to be rolled back to allow only one outlet per owner. But at the very least, it needs to not be further weakened.

I deeply appreciate Commissioner Copps' and Commissioner Adelstein's commitment to us-the-people. I notice that the FCC website never posted the Philadelphia 5/07 hearing at all -- not even afterward, let alone in advance. Also the transcriptions-of-proceedings of all the hearings, that were to have been posted on the FCC site, seem to be still mostly missing. I'm glad the Commissioners' press releases and comments (from some of the hearings) are posted; but (judging from the Seattle hearing which I attended) the panels and the public likewise contributed absolutely-pertinent comments. Why is the (of all agencies!) Federal Communications Commission refraining from publishing this process?

(The USDA, for a happier example (when putting together the National Organics Standards) committed to post all public input -- and did so -- though the USDA isn't even labeled a "Communications Commission." Why isn't the FCC being at least as open?)